



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28307-5200

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
U.S. ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
AND
U.S. MARINE CORPS COMBAT DEVELOPMENT COMMAND

SUBJECT: Military Freefall Training for the Marine Corps

1. References.

- a. AR 350-10, 14 Sep 90, Management of Army Individual Training Requirements and Resources.
- b. AR 351-9, 28 Aug 98, OPNAVIST 1500.27E, AFI 36-2230(I) and MCO 1580.7C, Interservice Training.
- c. AR 40-501, 30 Aug 95, Standards of Medical Fitness.

2. Purpose. To establish a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) and the Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC) concerning Military Freefall (MFF) training conducted by the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS).

3. Scope. This MOA delineates Interservice Training Review Organization (ITRO) consolidated course responsibilities and procedures concerning MFF parachutist training conducted by the USAJFKSWCS for U.S. Marine Corps personnel. Included are curriculum development, training and administrative policies, directives, materials, and personnel requirements in the ITRO consolidated courses to meet service component training requirements.

4. Terms and conditions.

- a. The USASOC (Host Service) will support the Marine Corps' MFF training requirements that is approved in the Army Structure Manning Decision Review Process and provide the Marine Corps quotas to the MFF and MFF Jumpmaster Courses commensurate with qualified instructors that the Marine Corps provides to the USAJFKSWCS.

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b. The USAJFKSWCS (Proponent for Host Service) will:

(1) Notify CG, MCCDC immediately of all major administrative or academic policy changes that affect Marine Corps personnel, at a minimum, by memorandum through appropriate staff channels. The USASOC will also notify CG, MCCDC of any changes affecting training.

(2) Provide orientation to students on academic requirements.

(3) Recognize graduates of Marine Corps/Instructor Training Courses (ITC) as instructor qualified, unless demonstrated performance does not meet school standards.

(4) Provide administrative space for instructor and support personnel and access to classrooms, dining areas, and training areas.

(5) Arrange for billeting as follows:

(a) Fort Bragg, NC: On-post billeting is available through the Fort Bragg Billeting Office for students. The Marine Corps will pay for per diem costs.

(b) Yuma Proving Ground (YPG), AZ: On-post billeting is available through the YPG Housing Office for MFF course students. The Marine Corps will pay for per diem costs.

(6) Provide opportunities for Marine Corps instructors to attend professional career development, continuation, recurring, proficiency, and qualification training.

(7) Provide all training materials and equipment required for Marine Corps instructors and students.

(8) As directed by AR 351-9 (OPNAVINST 1500.27d), supervisors are responsible for writing evaluations on their subordinates, regardless of service. Commander, B Company, will ensure that USMC Fitness Report (NAVMC-10835) is used for enlisted and officer personnel IAW MCO P1610.7. Supervisors sign as the Reporting Senior. Marine Corps instructors will not

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serve in leadership positions at B Company unless they are rated by their first line supervisor.

(9) Provide all transportation required for training from Fort Bragg to YPG.

(10) Coordinate MFF training requirements 2 years in advance with USASOC.

(11) Issue training policies, directives, and materials required for efficient operation and management of ITRO consolidated courses.

(12) Authorize staff visits by USMC when coordinated through the CG, USAJFKSWCS, According to AR 351-9, paragraphs 6b(12) and 6c(4).

(13) Approve leave requests for instructors, support personnel, and student personnel.

(14) Conduct safety operations as follows:

(a) Report all Marine Corps student and instructor accidents to CG, MCCDC. Reporting of serious accidents and incidents (OPREP-3 Reports) will follow notification of the CG, USAJFKSWCS.

(b) The Marine Corps will participate in accident investigation boards for Class A or Class B accidents involving Marine Corps personnel.

(c) It is the responsibility of every individual to correct or report unsafe conditions and hazards through the chain of command and to warn others of known hazards. All service members have the authority, through the Host Service chain of command, to halt training operations for justifiable safety reasons at any time.

(15) Evaluate required physicals as follows:

(a) Physical examinations administered IAW the U.S. Navy Manual of Medicine and certified by MCCDC will be accepted

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by USAJFKSWCS' schools as long as they meet the requirements outlined in AR 40-501. Medical waiver requests will be forwarded by memorandum with all applicable documented medical findings and history for medical review to Commander, USASOC, ATTN: AOMD-MT, Fort Bragg, NC 28310. Waiver authority is the CG, USAJFKSWCS.

(b) Physical examinations for MFF training will be valid for 2 years.

(16) Provide graduation certificates to Marine Corps students upon successful completion of MFF courses.

c. The Marine Corps and MCCDC (Participating Service) will:

(1) Ensure Marine Corps personnel comply with USMC administrative policy and instructions.

(2) Participate in the training development process. Provide subject matter experts for curriculum review boards and other similar conferences.

(3) Furnish projected fiscal year training requirements to the Army via the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS) IAW AR 350-10 and participate in the SMDR process.

(4) Retain Uniform Code of Military Justice authority and administrative control over Marine Corps students and instructors. Operational control of Marine Corps students and instructors will be maintained by the Host Service.

(5) Provide instructors, staff, and training support personnel proportionate to the number of Marine Corps students scheduled to be trained and to the required administrative workload.

(6) Assign Marine Corps instructors to normal tour length of 3 years, with a 1-year optional extension.

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(7) In accordance with AR 351-9, assign Marine Corps instructor personnel to their parent service but with operational responsibility to B Company, 2d Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne).

(8) Pay for instructors to attend professional career development, continuation, recurring, proficiency, and qualification training. The Army will pay for specific Army training requirements.

(9) Instructors, support personnel, and student personnel will participate in the training unit physical conditioning program.

(10) Ensure that qualified instructors are assigned with a 4-month overlap. The overlap will permit Marine Corps instructors to complete the MFF Parachutist Course and Instructor Candidate Training Program prior to the departure of the replaced instructor.

(11) Provide Marine instructor personnel who possess the following qualifications to USAJFKSWCS. Personnel without these qualifications will not be accepted. Failure to achieve instructor qualification is grounds to return instructor candidate to parent service.

(a) MFF graduate.

(b) Static line jumpmaster.

(c) MFF jmpmaster.

(d) E-5 or above.

(e) Possess a current high-altitude low opening (HALO) physical in accordance with AR 40-501 and possess a current high altitude physiology (HAP) certification (chamber training).

(12) In accordance with AR 351-9, paragraph 6b(4) and 6b(5), conform to U.S. Army and USAJFKSWCS regulations, policies, and standing operating procedures. If there is a direct conflict with Marine Corps instructions, policies, and

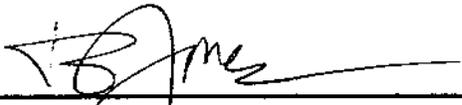
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directives or accepted safety procedures, it will be resolved at the lowest possible level of the respective chain of command, with elevation up the chain of command until resolution occurs.

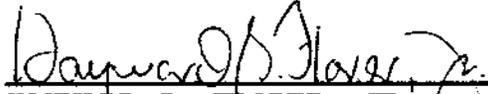
5. Effective date, revisions, and termination. This MOA will become effective upon signature of both parties and will remain in effect unless revised, superseded, or terminated. Revisions, annexes, or termination may be made at any time by written mutual consent. The MOA will be staffed for formal review when changes or annexes are required by either command.

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